

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team
Conference call 11-29-06, 3:00pm CDT

Participants:

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1.) Introducing new members of the group that will be focusing on R-2

GS: Gave an overview of the NOAA "COASTAL" program and using it towards habitat restoration, efforts of National Geodetic Survey and CO-OPS.

HR: Margaret Davidson asked her to help with the R-2 effort, which the Coastal Services Center is doing work to support currently, including the Coastal Storm Program.

GS: Presenting at the Restore America's Estuaries conference about this new program- 4 presentations.

[Several team members will be at the RAE conference]

CB: Galen, it would make sense to collaborate with the FWS & USGS folks.

KB: Will provide contact info for FWS & USGS.

2.) Agenda update from Mississippi and Alabama

RS: Alabama Day, Mississippi Day, Action Plan, RSMMP Day. May need some more time for the meeting.

[General concern about the length of the workshop possibly being 4 days]

KB: CF has scheduled time about projects on the ground that we didn't have in Louisiana. Also, several people have requested to hear about the projects on the ground; these case studies could elucidate issues, but must be focused to contribute to development of policy recommendations.

CB: Could use breakout groups for AL and MS to save time.

RS: Not a good idea, information sharing is a key aspect of these meetings.

WW: Totally concur.

KB: For now, let's plan on a 4-day meeting until MS fleshes out their meeting agenda, March 6-9. Could scale back to ¾ day for each state.

2.) Next Call.

KB: January 10 might be the best chance for our next meeting, and there will be 3 more after that before the workshop in MS/AL. Tentatively, call schedule leading up to our next workshop is 01-10-07, 01-24-07, 02-07-07, and 02-21-07. All calls will be at 3:00pm CST.

[General agreement]

Call ended at 3:37 PM CDT.